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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 2-19 as follows. Please add new claims 20-27:

2. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein R2 and R5 are identical to one another.

3. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein R3 and R6 are identical to one another.

4. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein R1 is a saturated or mono-unsaturated alkyl radical with from 1 to 23 carbon atoms.

5. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein R4 is a saturated or mono-unsaturated alkylene radical with from 1 to 20 carbon atoms.

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